PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ñ	/l/	l
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/r/	r
/ʧ/	c	/ŋm/	ŋm	/h/	h
/ʤ/	j			/w/	w
/k/	k			/y/	y
/g/	g				
/kp/	kp				
/gb/	gb				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ
		/a/	a		
/Ṽ/	Vn				

Tones:

high	´	
mid		unmarked
low	`	

Studies on tone are not yet complete. Presently, tone is only marked on contrastive pairs of words.

EXAMPLES

a	uta	rain
b	ubul	fetish
c	litacali	sandal
d	udu	village
e	upe	sheep
ɛ	unɛ	ox
f	ufɛn	home
g	ugur	hedgehog
h	hali	far
i	iji	millet
j	ujɛ	man
k	ukokol	chicken
kp	ukpɛn	swamp
l	liloli	truck
m	midami	drink
n	unasɛl	calf
ñ	buñɔbu	mouth
ŋ	uŋaan	broom
ŋm	uŋmal	moon
o	upo	spouse
ɔ	utɔb	tobacco
p	utɛnpik	big spider
r	kibɛrki	box
s	busabu	millet porridge
t	litubli	ear
u	usu	yam field
w	uwɔb	goat
y	kiyelki	hatchet

Tones

´	misímí	wish to die
	misimi	sap
`	misìmi	ink

ALPHABET

a b c d e ɛ f g gb h i j k kp l m n ñ ŋ ŋm o ɔ p r s t u w y

number of graphemes 2

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